



HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MINUTES

MONDAY

NOVEMBER 1, 2021

6:00 P.M.

In Attendance:

*Mayor Shelby Wright
Councilor Eric Jarvi
Councilor Mark Cormier
Councilor Ivan McPike
Councilor Allen Esposito
Councilor Peter Erickson
Councilor Christine Cubberley*

*Paula Scott, Town Manager
Joel Dohmeier, TDS - Remotely
Curt Slininger, VFW
Jason Lundstrom, Deputy Fire Chief
Clifton Ilver, Town Planner
Victor Smith, Public Works Director
Other Members of the Public*

Mayor Wright called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Wright led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: *Councilor Jarvi moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilor Esposito. Vote by roll call 7-0 with all Councilor's voting in the affirmative.*

Resolution: 2021 - 224

C. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: *Councilor McPike moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded Councilor Esposito. Vote by roll call 7-0 with all Councilor's voting in the affirmative.*

Resolution: 2021 - 225

1. SIGNATURES
2. COUNCIL MINUTES
3. COMMUNICATIONS
4. COMMITTEE MINUTES

Note: Council will take a five-minute recess at 8:00 p.m.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Town resident Matt LaChance of 433 Meadow Road thanked the Public Safety Department for their work yesterday, keeping our kids safe crossing the street doing trick or treating.

E. POLICY AGENDA

1. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

- a. Presentation of TDS Internet Service, *presented by Joel Dohmeier, Government & Regulatory Affairs Director of TDS.*

Joel Dohmeier, Government & Regulatory Affairs Director of TDS gave a presentation on TDS Internet Service for Hampden.

- b. VFW Public Servant award presentation to Investigator William Miller, Hampden Police Department and Lieutenant Matthew Thomas, Hampden Fire Department, *presented by Curt Slininger, VFW.*

Curt Slininger, VFW presented Certificates of Appreciation to Lieutenant Matthew Thomas, Hampden Fire Department in special recognition and highest praise for alertness, personal courage and ever efficient guardianship of life and property and to Investigator William Miller, Hampden Police Department in recognition of the outstanding job he does for the Community.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Proposed Hampden Storm Drain Connection Ordinance.

Motion: *Councilor Jarvi moved to open the Public Hearing for the Proposed Hampden Storm Drain Connection Ordinance, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote by roll call 7-0 with all Councilor's voting in the affirmative.*

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Town Manager Scott spoke that this is a new Ordinance, written after the recent rain events caused flooding and different situations with residents and the cellar drains backing up into their cellars.

Motion: *After Council discussion and with no public comment Councilor Jarvi moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilor McPike. Vote by Roll Call 7-0 with all Councilor's voting in the affirmative.*

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Motion: Councilor Jarvi moved Council adopt the Proposed Hampden Storm Drain Ordinance, seconded by Councilor McPike. Vote by roll call 7-0 with all Councilor's voting in the affirmative.

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- b. Proposed amendments to the Hampden Service Charge Ordinance, Section 4.

Motion: Councilor Jarvi moved to open the Public Hearing on the Proposed amendments to section 4 of the Hampden Service Charge Ordinance, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote by roll call 7-0 with all Councilor's voting in the affirmative.

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Town Manager Scott spoke on the proposed amendments to the Hampden Service Charge Ordinance.

Motion: Councilor Jarvi moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote by Roll Call 6-1 with Councilor's Cubberley, Erickson, Jarvi, McPike, Cormier and Mayor Wright voting in the affirmative and Councilor Esposito voting in opposition to.

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Motion: Councilor Jarvi moved Council adopt the Proposed Amendments to Section 4 of the Hampden Service Charge Ordinance, seconded by Councilor McPike. Vote by roll call 6-1 with Councilor's Cubberley, Erickson, Jarvi, McPike, Cormier and Mayor Wright voting in the affirmative and Councilor Esposito voting in opposition to.

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- c. Proposed amendments to the Fees Ordinance, Article 2.2.21 Inflow and Infiltration Fee and Articles 5.2.8 and 5.2.9, Solid Waste Fees.

Motion: Councilor McPike moved to open the public session for Fees Ordinance Article 2.2.21 Inflow and Infiltration Fee and Articles 5.2.8 and 5.2.9 Solid Waste Fees, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote by roll call 7-0 with all Councilor's voting in the affirmative.

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Town Manager Scott and Public Works Director Victor Smith spoke on the proposed amendments to the Fees Ordinance.

Motion: *After Council discussion and with public discussion Councilor McPike moved to come out of the public hearing, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote by Roll Call 7-0 with all Councilor's voting in the affirmative.*

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Motion: *Councilor McPike moved to adopt the amendments to the Fees Ordinance, Article 2.2.21 Inflow and Infiltration Fee and Articles 5.2.8 and 5.2.9 Solid Waste Fees, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote by Roll Call 6-1 with Councilor's Cubberley, Erickson, Jarvi, McPike, Cormier and Mayor Wright voting in the affirmative and Councilor Esposito voting in opposition to.*

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3. NOMINATIONS – APPOINTMENTS – ELECTIONS

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Jarvi reported on 10/25/2021 Special Council Workshop

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Council authorization to place a Little Free Pantry on town property at the Municipal Building/Public Safety Complex.

Town Manager Scott spoke that this is a trend that's been going on in the Country and this little free pantry will fill a hole in the needs of some people that might not be able to always get to the food banks and they can come take out what they might need. Town resident Lori Matthews has been able to get grant funding to buy all the materials needed to build it. Lori Matthews spoke on the \$300.00 grant money that she received and stated that she has a young man building it for her.

Motion: *Councilor Jarvi moved Council authorize placement of a Little Free Pantry on Town property at the Municipal Building Public Safety Complex, seconded by Councilor Esposito. Vote by roll call 7-0 with all Councilor's voting in the affirmative.*

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- b. Council approval of the Certificate of Settlement reflecting the remaining balance of 2021 taxes in the amount of \$7,256.21 discharging Tax Collector Wanda Libbey from further obligation for collection- *pursuant to 36 MRSA Section 763.*

Motion: Councilor Jarvi pursuant to 36 MRSA section 763 moved Council approve the Certificate of Settlement discharging Tax Collector Wanda Libbey from further obligation for collection of the remaining balance of 2021 taxes in the amount of \$7,256.21, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote by Roll Call 6-1 with Councilor's Cubberley, Erickson, Jarvi, McPike, Cormier and Mayor Wright voting in the affirmative and Councilor Esposito voting in opposition to.

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- c. Council approval of a renewal liquor license for White House Motel, Inc.

Motion: Councilor Esposito moved to approve the new liquor license for the White House Motel Inc., seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote by roll call 7-0 with all Councilors voting in the affirmative.

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- d. Council approval of a renewal liquor license for Pat's Pizza Hampden

Motion: Councilor Esposito moved Council approve the new liquor license for Pat's Pizza Hampden., seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote by roll call 7-0 with all Councilors voting in the affirmative.

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- e. Council approval to proceed with engineering for the repair of the Manning Mill Bridge to a highway load rating exceeding 30,000 pounds – *referral from Council workshop*

Motion: Councilor Esposito moved Council approval to proceed with engineering for the repair of the Manning Mill Bridge to a highway load rating exceeding 30,000 pounds, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote by roll call 7-0 with all Councilors voting in the affirmative.

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- f. Council authorization for the Town Manager to budget in FY23 for the shortfall of funds for the Manning Mill bridge project and to offset the expense with excess revenue sharing funds, account 1-212-00 – *referral from Council workshop*

Motion: Councilor McPike moved to authorize Town Manager to budget in FY 23 for the shortfall of funds for the Manning Mill Bridge project and to offset the expense with excess revenue sharing funds, account 1-212-00 seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote by roll call 7-0 with all Councilors voting in the affirmative.

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- g. Council authorization for the expenditure of \$80,000 from the Fire Truck reserve 3-741-00 towards the purchase of an emergency fire/rescue vehicle with ability to respond to emergencies across Manning Mill Bridge – *referral from Council workshop*

Motion: Councilor Esposito moved Council authorize the expenditure of \$80,000.00 from the Fire Truck reserve 3-741-00 towards the purchase of an emergency fire/rescue vehicle with ability to respond to emergencies across Manning Mill Bridge, seconded by Councilor Jarvi. During discussion Councilor Jarvi called the question with no objection. Debate ended and roll call vote on the motion on the floor was 4-3 with Councilor's Cubberley, Esposito, Jarvi and Mayor Wright voting in the affirmative and Councilor's Erickson, McPike and Cormier voting in opposition to.

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- h. Council authorization for the expenditure of \$85,000 from ARPA funds towards the purchase of an emergency and covid response vehicle with ability to respond to emergencies across Manning Mill Bridge – *referral from Council workshop*

Motion: Councilor Jarvi moved Council authorize the expenditure of \$85,000.00 from ARPA funds towards the purchase of the emergency response vehicle, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote by roll call 4-3 with Councilor's Cubberley, Esposito, Jarvi and Mayor Wright voting in the affirmative and Councilor's Erickson, McPike and Cormier voting in opposition to.

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- i. Council authorization for the expenditure of \$15,000 from ARPA funds to reimburse the town for unemployment insurance expenses paid during the pandemic and to deposit into the personnel reserve account 3-733-00 – *referral from Council workshop*

Motion: Councilor Jarvi moved Council authorize the expenditure of \$15,000.00 from ARPA funds to reimburse the Town for unemployment insurance expenses paid during the pandemic and to deposit into the personnel reserve account 3-733-00, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote by roll call 7-0 with all Councilor's voting in the affirmative.

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- j. Council authorization for the expenditure of \$55,000 from ARPA funds to provide premium pay for emergency service personnel covering a 60 week period during the height of the pandemic – *referral from Council workshop*

Motion: Councilor Jarvi moved Council authorize the expenditure of \$55,000.00 from ARPA funds to provide premium pay for emergency service personnel covering a 60 week period during the height of the pandemic, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote by roll call 7-0 with all Councilor's voting in the affirmative.

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- k. Council authorization for the expenditure of \$7,000 from ARPA funds to reimburse the town for the purchase of EMS supplies used during the pandemic – *referral from Council workshop*

Motion: Councilor Jarvi moved Council authorize the expenditure of \$7,000.00 from ARPA funds to reimburse the Town for the purchase of EMS supplies used during the pandemic, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote by roll call 7-0 with all Councilor's voting in the affirmative.

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- l. Council authorization for the expenditure of \$300,000 from ARPA funds for engineering costs for the sewer build-out on Coldbrook Rd. – *referral from Council workshop*

Motion: Councilor McPike moved Council authorize the expenditure of \$300,000.00 from ARPA funds for engineering costs for the sewer build-out on Coldbrook Road, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote by roll call 7-0 with all Councilor's voting in the affirmative.

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- m. Council authorization for the expenditure of \$150,000 from ARPA funds to repair the sewer line sag at Stoney Brook – *referral from Council workshop*

Motion: Councilor McPike moved Council authorize the expenditure of \$150,000.00 from ARPA funds to repair the sewer line sag at Stoney Brook, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote by roll call 7-0 with all Councilor's voting in the affirmative.

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- n. Council authorization for the expenditure of \$100,000 from ARPA funds for the inspection, mitigation and possible repairs needed to mitigate infiltration and inflow within the sewer system – *referral from Council workshop*

Motion: Councilor McPike moved Council authorize the expenditure of \$100,000.00 from ARPA funds for the inspection, mitigation and possible repairs needed to mitigate infiltration and inflow within the sewer system, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote by roll call 7-0 with all Councilor's voting in the affirmative.

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- o. Council authorization for the expenditure of \$70,000 from ARPA funds for engineering costs for the Cottage St. stormwater project – *referral from Council workshop*

Motion: Councilor Jarvi moved Council authorize the expenditure of \$70,000.00 from ARPA funds for the engineering costs for the Cottage Street stormwater project, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote by roll call 6-1 with Councilor's Cubberley, Erickson, Esposito, Jarvi, Cormier and Mayor Wright voting in the affirmative and Councilor McPike voting in opposition to.

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- p. Council authorization for the expenditure of \$536.35 from the Matching Grant reserve account 3-780-00 for the town's share of an MMA safety grant – *requested by Deputy Chief Lundstrom*

Deputy Chief Lundstrom explained that this MMA Safety Enhancement Grant was for two full body harnesses for fall protection and for ladder belts.

Motion: Councilor Jarvi moved Council authorize the expenditure of \$536.35 from the matching Grant Reserve Account 3-780-00 for the Town's share of an MMA Safety Grant, seconded by Councilor Esposito. Vote by roll call 7-0 with all Councilor's voting in the affirmative.

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I. MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Scott reminded everyone that the election is tomorrow at the Skehan Center. The polls open at 8:00 and close at 8:00 and she wished all the Candidates luck.

J. COUNCILOR'S COMMENTS

Councilor Cormier – Let's go Brandon.

Councilor McPike – No comment.

Councilor Jarvi – No comment.

Councilor Erickson – No comment.

Councilor Esposito – Get out to vote Hampden.

Councilor Cubberley – Go vote.

Councilor Wright – Goodnight Hampden and more important than ever to shop local and buy American. Happy election day. Have a goodnight.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gayle C. Decker, Town Clerk

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